



A secure communications platform that provides a new and powerful way for K-12 to collaborate around media. Ed.VoiceThread enables a rich group dialogue to take place in and out of the classroom, fostering authentic critique, analysis, demonstration, reporting, and practice.

Language Studies

Differentiated learning

MathCasts

Visual Arts

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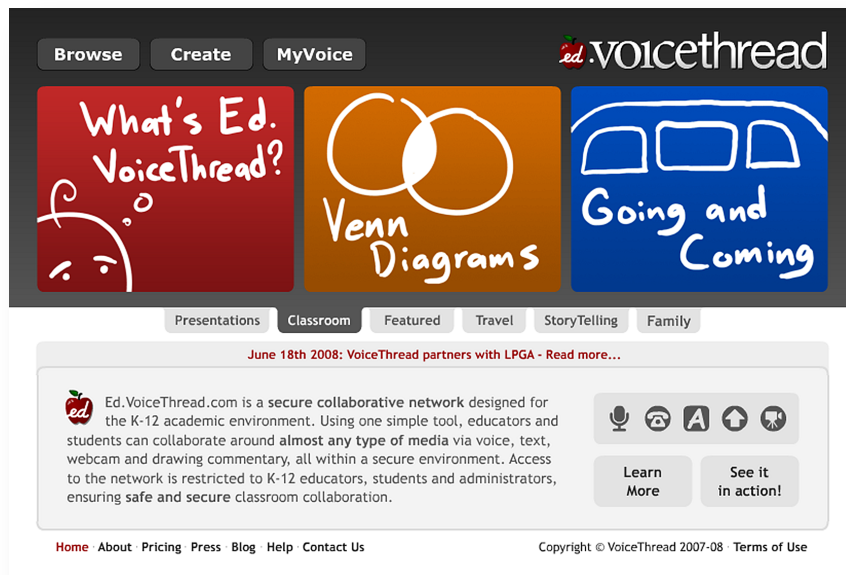
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"The biggest limitation to productive classroom conversations is that only one person can talk at a time. Those conversations may leave some students unchallenged or unengaged. Voicethread conversations allow multiple students to comment at once---and allow for thinking to be challenged for many students."

- Bill Ferriter

- Membership restricted to K-12 educators, students and administrators, all content is created or vetted by registered members of the community, and students can participate without valid emails •

What they're saying:

Pacansky-Brock, who was named 2007's best online professor by the Sloan Consortium, posts her lecture notes, provides audio podcasts, and uses VoiceThread - a new program that allows students to hear her talk and see her draw on and annotate slides of artwork—to get her lessons across.

-US News and World Report

Banishing Timidity, Boosting participation: "students participate more actively in digital discussions than in the classroom"

-Edutopia

But like the Ginsu Knife set that seems endless, that's just the mere beginning of VoiceThread's features

-The Download Squad.

In regard to understanding, the average score of all students under study for the final VoiceThread project was an astounding 91% For this project

-James Caldwell High School
Dodge Grant Research Team

The idea behind VoiceThread's new Social Player is to lower the barriers to participation from site visitors and users, making it easier to add your voice to media that's shared online.

-Mashable

It works, it is fun! With its visual clarity, with it's click and respond, with it's great layout and state of the art voip (voice recording), it should become a ubiquitous and common tool of educators. As common as the Photocopier, and AS USED!

-edublogger Dave Duebel



A subscription to ed.voicethread gives every student their very own account. So that for less than the price of a single day's field trip, students can spend an entire year collaborating with other students anywhere in the world, creating digital stories and documentary, developing their voices, and creating their very own portfolio of work.

Features:

- Browser based solution, no software to download, manage, or update
- Transform almost any digital media into a collaborative space, instantly
- Multiple forms of commenting ensures broad accessibility
- Use one single media player to broadcast and distribute all forms of media content
- Robust security controls that are simple to understand and configure
- Streamline IT infrastructure by replacing numerous tools with one single platform
- Comment moderation provides safety, security and privacy that is easily understood
- Flexible software design allows customization for any a group or institution

Student Accounts:

- Are completely transparent to Educators
- Create a portfolio of up to 15 VoiceThreads
- Maintain a media library up to 250 MB
- Unlimited commentary - voice / text / webcam
- Upload archival mp3 files as commentary
- By default **cannot** add contacts or send invitations to users who are not members of Ed.VoiceThread
- By default **cannot** view content unless it's created or vetted by an Ed.VoiceThread member

Educators can:

- Create and manage groups and classes
- Create an unlimited number of VoiceThreads
- Maintain a media library up to 10 GB
- Unlimited commentary - voice / text / webcam
- Upload archival MP3 files as commentary
- Quickly access all their students' VoiceThreads
- Collaborate unrestricted, on or off of the network

The only requirement for Ed.VoiceThread is a web-browser equipped with Adobe Flash 7+, presently installed in 99% of personal computers and a broadband connection. This network model of "software as a service," or SAAS, has a number of advantages for K-12 teachers, administrators and technologists. Most importantly, there is no software to download, install, manage or upgrade, and all data is redundantly backed up by the VoiceThread infrastructure. In short, the headaches are ours, not yours.



Pricing

Pioneer Classes

1 educator + all of their students, no matter how many classes they have.



\$60 for one year, includes 30 archival exports

School Subscriptions / \$1 per user per year

A school subscription on Ed.VoiceThread allows you to provide accounts to all your educators and students, and gives you a place to collect and show your school's work at a custom Ed.VoiceThread URL. A simple but powerful management tool allows you to easily manage accounts and create classrooms.

Overview

Add

The VoiceThread School ▼

Exports: 600 ([Add](#)), Phone minutes: 0 ([Add](#))

Search all members Select: [All](#) [None](#) Showing All Members ▼

<input type="checkbox"/>	Andrew Synowiez	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	William Blake	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Billy Collins	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Homer Simpson	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bob Frost	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sarah	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gerard Manley Hopkins	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Henry Perkins	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Monte	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marge	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Samuel Taylor Coleridge	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lisa Simpson	

Editing A Single User

[Update](#)

Name: Bill Shakespeare ([Change](#))

Identity: Bill S ([Change](#))

Email: bill.shakespeare@mrsmcgilli... ([Change](#))

Account Type: Student Basic ([Change](#))

Password: ([Change](#))

Last Activity: None

Export Credits: 0 credits ([Add](#))

Phone Minutes: 3

Classes

Add Bill to the classes: [Add to...](#) ([Create new](#))

Bill is a member of classes:

- Poetry 101



District Pricing For more than 5,000 users please contact us for district pricing



Pricing FAQ

How can I add more accounts and what will it cost?

Once your school subscription is created you have access to an admin tool where you create accounts for your students and educators. You can add more accounts at any time, \$1 each (min of 50 at a time) The per account price cannot be pro-rated for accounts purchased later in the subscription.

If my school or class joins the ed.voicethread network, can I collaborate with people who are not part of ed.Voicethread?

Yes. Educators on Ed.VoiceThread can create content, share and collaborate with whomever they want with the understanding that they will use comment moderation to vet all commentary that is made available to student users on ed.voicethread. Student users on Ed.VoiceThread cannot invite people who are not already part of the Ed.VoiceThread network. The key to safety on Ed.VoiceThread is not restraints, but accountability. When an educator invites commentary from someone outside of the network, they are responsible for the content that's added to their VoiceThread. So it's important to realize that joining Ed.VoiceThread does not put you or your class on an island, educators can invite anyone at all, only students have restrictions.

What happens at the end of the year to the student's work?

There are no free and 'independent' students on ed.voicethread and so they must belong to at least one school or class. If you remove a student from a class or school to make room for another, one of two things will happen. If the students in your class or school do not have valid email addresses, we will give them 20 days to export any voicethread content that they would like to save, and then we will delete the account and all of it's contents. If they are using a real email address to login then they will be removed from ed.voicethread and be given a free account on voicethread.com

Is the school subscription available to other educational groups like home school networks and other educational groups?

Yes, the only requirement is that the members of these groups be educators and students in K-12 learning environments.

How do I add students to my school or class subscription if they already have a free account on voicethread?

If a student or educator already has a voicethread account you can add them by entering their e-mail address into the e-mail field on the Administration Tool. We will not send them an e-mail, but the next time they log in, they will be prompted to 'join' the school or class group, if they accept, we will migrate their account over to Ed.VoiceThread. Until they log in and accept the invitation you will see the term 'Pending' next to their name.

Are VoiceThread's secure?

Yes, all VoiceThreads are private by default and creators can easily control who can view, edit and comment on content. Within this private state educators can collaborate with students, students with each other, and entire classes with other classes around the world. It's never necessary to make a VoiceThread publicly viewable, but we do believe students grow when they share and collaborate with others. The act of publishing content, that can be seen by anyone anywhere, reinforces the message that student work is unique, valuable, and worthy of the world's attention.



Security

Ed.VoiceThread is designed to flexibly address security issues within the K-12 learning environment. Web services that allow free accounts to anyone with an e-mail create an inherently anonymous and unaccountable environment, and usually result in the service being blocked by district filters.

A safe virtual environment is best created not through complex restrictions that hinder usability, but simply via transparency, or 'sunshine'. Student content and commentary on the Ed.VoiceThread are by default, anonymous to others, but within the network all content and commentary is in fact traceable by us to a known student, educator, or school.

Between comment moderation and an inability to post anonymous content and commentary, we think we've made the world's worst virtual environment for cyber bullying.

Key Safety features:

- An accountable environment with no 'free' or anonymous users
- Student work is transparent to educators and administrators
- By default no student or educator information is publicly visible
- Comment moderation by default, ensures that inappropriate comments are isolated
- Robust security controls that are simple to understand and easy to configure
- Use domain blocking schemes to specify how broadly your students can collaborate

Domain Blocking:

By blocking urls you can control what content the students can browse.

- Option 1 Most open, students can browse any public content on voicethread.com
- Option 2 Students interact and collaborate only on ed.voicethread.com They can still explore a worldwide community but there is no direct interaction with free or anonymous users.
- Option 3 Students only interact and collaborate within your school domain, <http://myschool@ed.voicethread.com>

Complete blocking diagrams can be found in the help section of <http://ed.voicethread.com>